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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)	
	NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.)	Examiner: Melson, Candice C
Serial N	No.: 10/047,587)	Group Art Unit: 3732
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For:	INTEVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS AND METHODS OF IMPLANTATION))	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE TIME SUBMISSION OF EXTENSION FEE FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Fee Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003, for three months from November 1, 2003 to February 1, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>09-0528</u>.

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